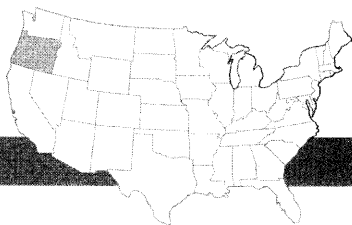


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**MEMORANDUM FOR** Beverly A. Cook  
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**FROM:** George J. Dooley, III *George J. Dooley III*  
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**SUBJECT:** Annual National Environmental Policy Act Planning Summary for NETL-Albany (FY2006)

As requested by the direction of DOE Order 451.1B, Change 1, NETL-Albany provides the following FY2006 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Summary:

1. **Status of On-Going NEPA Planning Activities** – All NETL-Albany activities are reviewed for NEPA compliance in accordance with DOE Order 451.1B, Change 1, and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1021 (10 CFR § 1021), *NEPA Implementing Procedures*, with support from the National Engineering Technology Laboratory (NETL). At present, there are several NETL-Albany actions planned in FY2006 that will likely require NEPA review. However, it is expected that all of these NEPA reviews can be categorically excluded and, therefore, none will require NEPA-mitigated actions.
2. **Planned Environmental Assessments (EAs)** – There are no EAs planned for the next 12 months at NETL-Albany.
3. **Planned Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)** – There are no EISs planned for the next 24 months at NETL-Albany.
4. **Planned Costs/Schedules for NEPA Activities** – Based on existing plans, there are no expected FY2006 preparation costs (for DOE HQ) or any specific schedules in place for NEPA activities at NETL-Albany.
5. **Site-Wide EIS Applicability** – Due to the nature of research projects at NETL -Albany, we do not believe that a site-wide EIS would facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the NETL-Albany ES&H Manager Hector M. Rodriguez, at 541-967-5916.

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